Reply.—The observations of the member will be noted. Government will consider the desirability of levying export duty on these articles.

201. Encouragement of local industries with Government loans.

Mr. S. Swamy Iyengar of Trivandrum (*Nominated*) requested that local industries might be encouraged by Government with the advancement of money at low interest.

Reply.—This has been already answered. Individual applications for loan will be considered.

Mr. C. Padmanabha Pillai (*Karunagapalli*) suggested that school-banks might be opened to promote mutual confidence and a spirit of co-operation among the pupils of the numerous English and Vernacular schools maintained by Government.

Reply.—At my instance, Mr. Thiraviam Pillai, Anchal Superintendent, has already drafted certain rules on the subject of Savings Banks and they are now being considered.

202. Post-mortem examination in cases of death by snake-bites.

Mr. K. C. Eapen, B. A., (*Kshemathalpara Samajam, Kadappra, Tiruvalla*) represented that the present rules regarding post-mortem examinations in cases of death from snake-bites were being abused by the police and medical officers, and this gave rise to considerable hardship to the ignorant people living in the interior parts of the State where such deaths were of frequent occurrence. He prayed for such modifications being introduced in the rules as would tend to mitigate the present difficulty.

Reply.—It is only in suspicious cases of death that post-mortem examination is held. It is perhaps possible that, in some places, the provisions are abused. The Durbar Physician and the Superintendent of Police will be addressed in view to ensure the prompt and satisfactory conduct of such examinations.

203. Appointment of Taluk Boards, Village Panchayets and Honorary Magistrates.

Mr. K. Parameswaran Pillai, B. A., B. L., (*Nayar Samajam, Quilon*) in whose name this subject stood was not present when called.

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